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SUBJECT: US-EC NINE CONSULTATIONS ON ILO

1. TODAY, 9 SEPTEMBER, WAS FIRST OPPORTUNITY WE HAD TO DISCUSS WITH GABRIEL VENTEJOL, GOF DELEGATE TO THE ILO, US-EC NINE CONSULTATIONS. HE TOLD LABATT THAT IT WAS NOT UNTIL HE INQUIRED AT THE FOREIGN OFFICE ABOUT THE 13 AND 14 SEPTEMBER MEETING THAT HE WAS SENT A COPY OF THE REPORT THE GOF DELEGATION IN GENEVA SENT ABOUT THIS MEETING.

2. VENTEJOL SHOWED LABATT THE GENEVA TELEGRAM WHICH LISTED THE FOLLOWING AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE US-EC NINE MEETING:

(A) REVIEW OF THE EXPERIENCE OF THE 1974 AND 1975 ILO CONFERENCES AND OF THE LAST GOVERNING BODY MEETING IN JUNE.

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(B) REVIEW OF THE AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE 201ST GOVERNING BODY MEETING NEXT NOVEMBER, WHICH INCLUDES STRUCTURE REFORM REPORT, STATEMENT BY SRI LANKA REPORTING THE POSITION TAKEN BY THE GROUP OF 77 ON BUDGETARY ISSUES AND FOLLOW-UP ACTION ON WORLD EMPLOYMENT CONFERENCE.

(C) BROADENING TO IMEC THE 14 SEPTEMBER CONSULTATIONS.

(D) PRELIMINARY AGENDA FOR NEXT JUNE'S ILO CONFERENCE.

(E) PRESIDENCY OF MARITIME COMMISSION.

3. THE FRENCH TELEGRAM REPORTED THAT THE CHIEF OF DELEGATION LAURENT FROMENT INTENDED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE NEXT WEEK'S MEETINGS "WITH POSSIBLE ASSISTANCE FROM AN EXPERT FROM PARIS."

4. COMMENT: VENTEJOL WAS OBVIOUSLY EMBARRASSED BY THE FACT THAT THE QUAI HAD FAILED TO CONSULT HIM LET ALONE KEEP HIM INFORMED. HE APPRECIATED THEREFORE LABATT'S INITIATIVE TO BRING THE FOREGOING TO HIS ATTENTION AND SAID THAT HE INTENDED TO TAKE ACTION IN WRITING TO CORRECT THE SITUATION. AS FAR AS HE KNEW THERE WAS NO ONE GOING TO GENEVA FROM PARIS FOR THE CONSULTATIONS, AND HE SEEMED TO REGRET THAT AT THIS LATE DATE HE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO GO HIMSELF.

5. IN VIEW OF THE FOREGOING, VENTEJOL SUGGESTED WITH SOME PERSISTENCE THAT PRIOR TO NEXT NOVEMBER'S GOVERNING BODY MEETING THERE SHOULD BE FURTHER CONSULTATIONS ON THE AGENDA, PREFERABLY SOMETIME IN LATE OCTOBER. LABATT POINTED OUT THAT A GREAT DEAL WILL DEPEND UPON THE OUTCOME OF THE 13-14 SEPTEMBER MEETINGS BUT IN ANY EVENT HE WOULD PASS ON HIS REQUEST TO WASHINGTON AND GENEVA.

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